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OUR NEXT GOVERNOR.

A MASS MEETING IN HIS HONOR HELD IN WALTERBORO.

The People of Capt. Heyward's Home County Gather at the County Seat, his Place of Residence, to Express Again their Confidence in his Fitness for the Position to which he has been Chosen.

[News and Courier.]

Walterboro, Sept. 11.—The first public demonstration made in honor of Capt. D. C. Heyward since he announced his candidacy for the governorship in June of last year occurred at his home in Walterboro this evening, when the people of his county gathered to bear testimony to their approval of the action of the voters of South Carolina in selecting their fellow citizen to be the Democratic nominee for governor of South Carolina. Although his candidacy was announced sixteen months ago, Capt. Heyward has studiously avoided every effort looking to a popular demonstration.

Visiting the various counties of the State during the period preceding the formal opening of the campaign and forming the acquaintance of the solid and substantial citizens of every section. Capt. Heyward did so in so unostentatious a manner that his over confident opponents scarcely realized the remarkable political support which this new factor in South Carolina politics was awakening. At every point visited there was no lack of enthusiastic friends, who would gladly have given public evidence of their high regard for the man of their choice, but it was understood that such a course of action would not be to Capt. Heyward's liking, and it was that throughout the long months preceding the second primary there has been only the steady onward move of popular favor looking to the final elevation of the modest, high toned Colleton gentleman as the next governor of the State.

On September 9, however, the votes were cast and the telegraphic bulletins began to disclose the fact that Capt. D. C. Heyward, of Colleton, was actually the choice of the South Carolina Democrats for the office of governor by an overwhelming majority, and then it was that the pent up enthusiasm of the good people of Colleton began to be manifested and no restraining law could curb the determination of those who had known Clinch Heyward best to do him public honor and to give expression in some public way to the gratification and pleasure which they experienced in having their trusted and honored fellow citizen elected to the high office to which he aspired and which they realized he would so worthily fill. This it was by common impulse the men, women and children accepted the idea of tendering a serenade to their distinguished fellow citizen, and that from every section of the county there should have assembled the gallant sons of Colleton, desirous of evincing by their presence in Walterboro and by their participation in the serenade the great pleasure and gratification which they felt in having their favorite son chosen for the high office to which he had just been elected.

The spirit of enthusiasm was not confined solely to the citizens of Colleton, for throughout the assembly could be discerned faces familiar in Dorchester, Charleston and Beaufort counties. That so large and representative a gathering should be the outcome of a practically impromptu effort, without opportunity for much public notice, is only another evidence of the popularity of Capt. Heyward where he is best known and most loved. The vote of Colleton County may be accepted as an earnest of how well he stands at his home, and it is this practically unanimous vote of his neighbors which Capt. Heyward cherishes even more than the nomination itself. The vote is truly indicative of the popular feeling here, for it is impossible to find anyone in this county who has not a kind word or a song of praise for Clinch Heyward. Rich and poor, high and low, the influential citizen or the inconspicuous

laborer, each and all, speak highly of their fellow townsman and rejoice in the high honor which has become his. The public meeting tonight was but a concrete evidence of their good will and high regard. It is not surprising, therefore, that the meeting held tonight should have been so well attended and that much enthusiasm should have been evidenced. Never before in its history has the quiet and retired town of Walterboro presented so animated an appearance as it did this evening when Allen's Brass Band, preceded by torches borne by the enthusiastic supporters of Capt. Heyward, escorted him to Klein's Park, where the speaking and serenade took place.

Maj. M. P. Howell was elected as master of ceremonies and in a few introductory remarks presented Capt. D. C. Heyward. As Capt. Heyward advanced there was such an outburst of applause that he must have felt that the moment was the proudest in his life.

CAPT. HEYWARD'S SPEECH.

Capt. Heyward addressed those before him as "my friends," which simple expression brought forth renewed applause. Capt. Heyward alluded to the pride he felt in receiving in the first primary 96 per cent. and in the second 98 per cent. of the vote of his home county, and that he would cherish the endorsement of Colleton County as the most precious heritage for his children and his children's children. This endorsement by the people who knew him best was sufficient answer to the slanderous charges made against him in the second primary. Like a stone wall it stands in refutation of any slanders which had been used against him. He referred to the distinguished honor of being the Chief Magistrate of a State which we South Carolinians believe to be the grandest State in the Union, the State of the Rutledges, the Middletons and of the Pinckneys, of Marion, and of Sumter, of Calhoun, McDuffie, and of Hayne, of Barnard E. Bee, Mart Gary, the Bald Eagle of Edgefield, and of Wade Hampton, whose name will ever be a household word in South Carolina. He did not feel warranted at this time in outlining his political policies, these questions would be taken up at the proper time, and be treated soberly, and with due regard to the great issues involved, and with an eye single to the best interest of the State. I am so pleased that the prejudice between town and country is passing away. The State can never be the great State which it was destined to be until the people of the cities and the people of the country work together in the uplifting and upbuilding of their State. Then and not until then will South Carolina prosper, prosper agriculturally and prosper industrially. Then will we see the mechanics and laborers, the manufacturers and merchants realize the great benefits of a united purpose and a common effort. If I can aid the accomplishment of this great end then my election will not have failed in the purpose which I have destined for it. I stand for the great common schools of our State. Our Commonwealth does not undertake to clothe or feed the children of the State, but it does undertake to educate them. Hence the education of our children is a function of the State government, and I believe it to be the duty of those who hold high office in South Carolina to be leaders in the great movement to better the educational facilities of the youth of the State. Standing as I do for the common schools, I am, nevertheless, a believer, and a firm one, in higher education and proud of our educational institutions of higher learning, and shall advocate their liberal support by the State. I am in favor of liberal pensions for the needy old Confederate soldiers, and feel sure that the younger generation of my fellow South Carolinians will never be forgetful of the fact or allow one of those who fought nobly for his State in the times of her sorest need go down to his last resting place without that care and comfort which his past services entitled him to receive.

at the hands of a patriotic people. I am opposed to trusts, to all those great illegal combinations of capital gotten up for the purpose of stifling competition, and when that is done of forcing down the prices of all the people have to sell and of forcing up the prices of all they have to buy. I am mindful of the fact that the governor's duty is not to make the laws; it is his duty to enforce these laws which he finds upon the statute books, and in my efforts to discharge my duty along this line, I believe I will have the endorsement and support of the people of South Carolina. We are a law-abiding people, and whether a law is distasteful or not we believe that the law should be enforced until repealed by those who made the laws, our legislative department, and so I repeat, my friends, that the laws which I find in operation will have my strongest effort in their proper enforcement.

I believe in home rule. It is a principle which is dear to every true South Carolinian and to every true American citizen. While it shall be my purpose to recognize the recommendations of the several county delegations in matters pertaining to the interest of their respective counties I give fair notice of my determination to examine into the character, reputation and fitness of those who are recommended to me for appointment, and if I find that the best interest of the common welfare will not be best served by making such an appointment, I will not feel called upon to accede to the wishes of the delegation. It must be remembered that the responsibility for all appointments and acts rests finally upon the governor and delegations should therefore, be careful that their choice falls upon only such as can creditably reflect upon the one who makes the appointment. Elected as I have been by the people of the State, irrespective of sections and of factions, it shall be my constant aim and purpose to be the governor of the whole people, and I shall know no selfish interest, but endeavor to shape all my acts and efforts to the honor and credit, to the upbuilding and uplifting of our entire State. Unhindered by political pledges and without political enemies to punish, I will feel free to exert my abilities into channels which will redound to the best welfare of all that pertains to the interest of the State.

Entering upon my duties with such feeling, I shall endeavor to do full justice to all classes of our people, regardless of their race or condition, and in this particular shall accept as my guiding thought the last words of that peerless soldier and statesman, Wade Hampton, "God bless all my people, black and white."

Capt. Heyward spoke at length of the effective support accorded him by the noble women of the State and paid a glowing tribute to their purity and the self-sacrificing service which they had time and again rendered their beloved State.

In closing he again referred to the appreciated support given him by the people of his county and for the many evidences of kindnesses which time and again they have bestowed upon him. "I part with you temporarily in January next, if nothing unforeseen occurs," said Capt. Heyward, "and in so doing my last and fondest thought will be expressed in the words of that dear old hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

Loud and deafening applause ensued as Capt. Heyward resumed his seat and many bouquets were passed to the platform and were carefully handed to Mr. Heyward, who occupied a seat among the speakers. Throughout Capt. Heyward's address, which was eloquently delivered, the closest possible attention was given to his every word and he was frequently interrupted by shouts of applause, approval and continued applause. Many of his sentences were particularly well rounded and quotations were timely and to the point and gave a finish to the very eloquent address which he delivered. Capt. Heyward fully sustained the

reputation which he has borne as one of the best public speakers in the State.

Major Howell next presented Congressman elect George S. Legare in a few complimentary remarks.

MR. LEGARE'S SPEECH.

Mr. Legare spoke of the proud privilege of being present and participating in the celebration in honor of the next Governor of our State. Charleston has done herself proud in the vote which she rolled up for your townsman, and we are proud to be styled the banner county for the magnificent vote which we recorded

for him. The vote of Colleton County has given the lie to the slanderous charges made against him in the last campaign. All over the State there is pride today because we believe that he is going to be a Governor of the whole people and will cement all the differences which have existed in the past. He alluded to the noble work done by the good women of South Carolina and of the influence which they exerted in behalf of the clean and pure man which they knew Heyward to be. His tribute to women was magnificent and delivered in Mr. Legare's inimitable style.

Before concluding Mr. Legare expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the very liberal support accorded him in the recent campaign, and just how hospitable were the people of Colleton in their treatment of him, and that he owes them an overwhelming debt of gratitude, and said, "if Clinch Heyward is your Governor I wish you to know that I am your Congressman and night or day I wish you to know that I am your servant." Long and continued applause.

OTHER SPEECHES.

State Senator elect James E. Pen

rify was introduced and briefly addressed his voice to the chorus of congratulation which was being sung all over this State in the selection of so pure and upright a citizen as D. C. Heyward as Chief Magistrate. In honoring him we did honor not only to our town and to our county, but to the State at large as well. Remember, we have not done our full duty merely in electing him; we must aid him in his administering the laws; we must stand by him and support him in all his efforts.

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